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#### **EPA Vapor Intrusion Study**

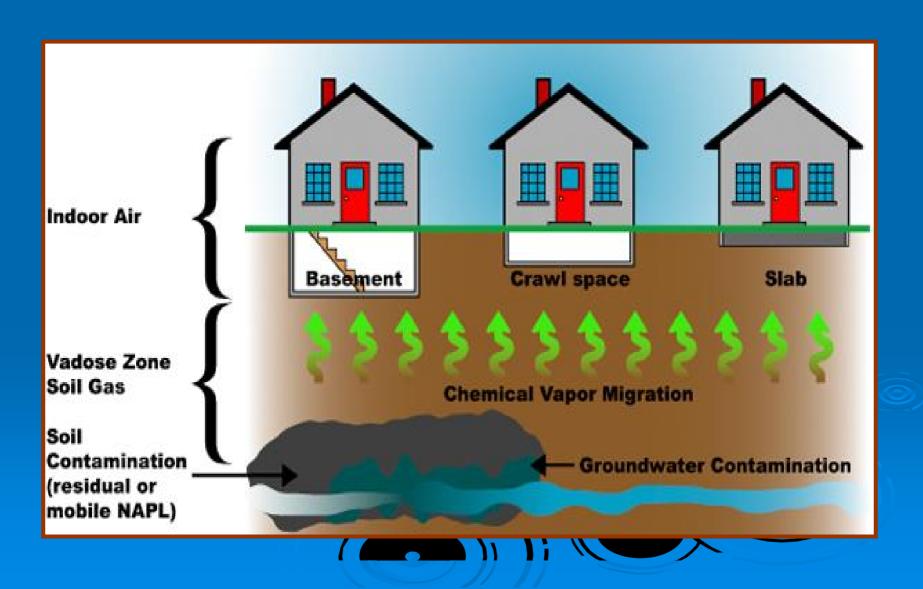
Purpose: to determine if vapors from shallow contaminated soils or groundwater can move up into indoor living areas.

- > 4 Study Areas were selected:
  - Kelly AFB, San Antonio, TX;
  - Parker Solvents, Little Rock, AR;
  - England AFB, Alexandria, LA;
  - Delfasco Forge, Grand Prairie, TX





# What is Vapor Intrusion?



### **EPA Vapor Intrusion Study**







Grand Prairie, TX
Phase 1 - May 2008

#### Questions We Were Trying To Answer

- 1. Does subsurface vapor exist below homes or commercial buildings (slab or crawlspace)?
- 2. If yes, is it entering homes or commercial buildings?
- 3. If it is found inside a home or commercial building, is it from contaminated soils or groundwater, or is it from another source (i.e., lifestyle or ambient)?



## Site Background



- Groundwater and soil contamination were the result of releases of solvents from 50 years of historical metal forging and fabrication operations.
- TCE is the primary groundwater contaminant and was used to clean parts before delivery.

# Neighborhood Study Area



# **Groundwater Plume**



# Initial Neighborhood Sampling May 19-23, 2008

Sampling was limited to nearby homes and commercial buildings that overlie the groundwater plume.

Sampling was <u>not</u> intended to test all of the homes that overlie contaminated groundwater in the area.

#### Initial Neighborhood Sampling (cont.)



- Foundation / crawlspace soil vapor samples were collected from 16 homes and 2 commercial buildings.
- Results were provided to homeowners in early July. Results for each home will-be kept private.

# Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) Mobile Laboratory





# Screen Crawlspace w/ TAGA

















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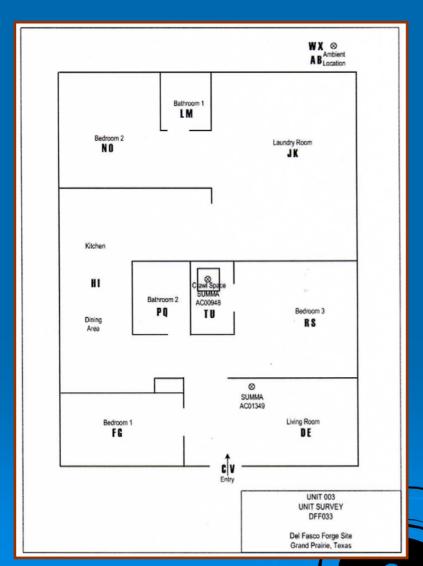
# Sampling Subslab Ports





# Other Potential Sources of Indoor Air Contamination

#### **TAGA Monitoring for Indoor Air**







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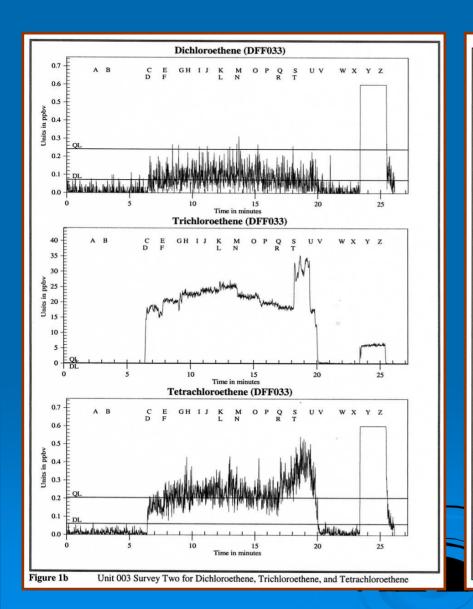


Figure 1b			
TAGA File Event Summary File: DFF033 Acquired on 22 May 2008 at 09:04:20 Title: Unit 003 Survey Two			
Flag	Offset Time	Offset Sequence	Description
A	2.1	149	Start of the pre-entry ambient
В	3.1	220	End of the pre-entry ambient
C	6.4	452	Entering the unit
D	6.6	470	Start of the living room
E	7.6	540	End of the living room
F	7.9	560	Start of bedroom one
G	8.9	632	End of bedroom one
Н	9.4	669	Start of the kitchen/dining room
I	10.4	740	End of the kitchen/dining room
J	11.0	782	Start of the laundry room
K	12.0	853	End of the laundry room
L	12.4	878	Start of bathroom one
M	13.4	951	End of bathroom one
N	13.8	975	Start of bedroom two
0	14.8	1049	End of bedroom two
P	15.8	1117	Start of bathroom two
Q	16.8	1187	End of bathroom two
R	17.0	1207	Start of bedroom three
S	18.0	1277	End of bedroom three
T	18.3	1295	Start of the crawl space
U	19.3	1368	End of the crawl space
V	20.0	1419	Exiting the unit
W	21.7	1537	Start of the post-exit ambient
X	22.7	1606	End of the post-exit ambient
Y	23.8	1685	Start of the 30 mL/min spike
Z	24.8	1757	End of the 30 mL/min spike



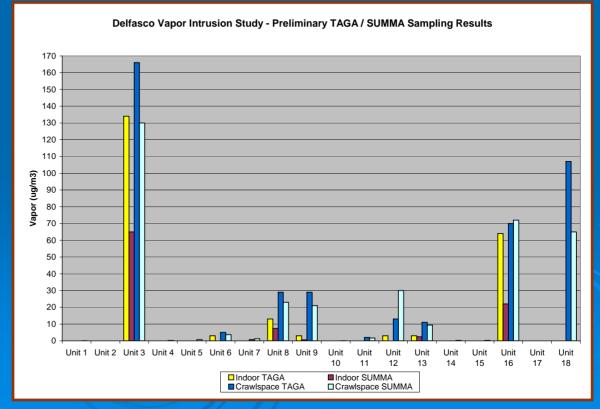


Indoor & Outdoor Air Sampling

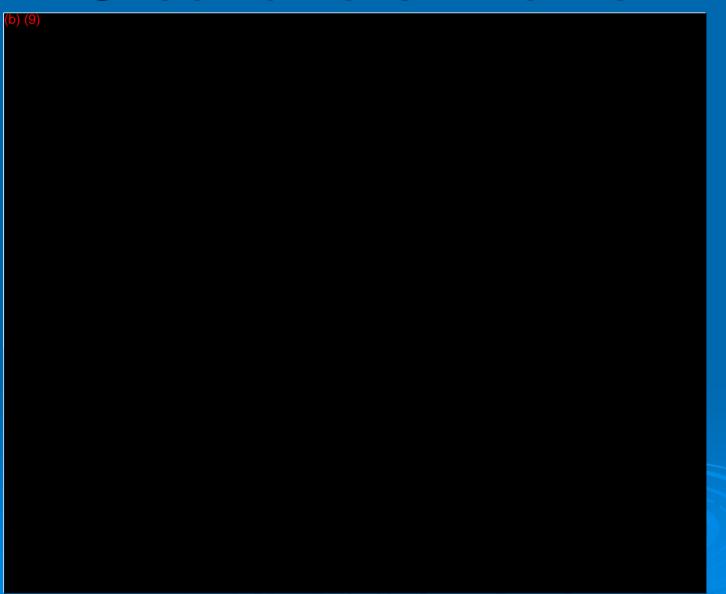
#### What We Found

Of the 18 homes or businesses sampled for vapor, i.e., sub-slab, crawlspace or indoor air, 10 had detections 1ug/m3 or

greater



# **Groundwater Plume**



# Vapor Concentration "trend"



# Ongoing and Future Activities

